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May 26, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution Honoring the 2014-2015
Michigan Teacher of the Year

Attached is a resolution in honor of the 2014-2015 Michigan Teacher of the Year, Melody Arabo, who represented Michigan teachers during the 2014-2015 school year.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 26, 2015, honoring the 2014-2015 Michigan Teacher of the Year.

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RESOLUTION

Melody Arabo

2014-2015 MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, Melody Arabo received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education from Michigan State University and a Master's of Arts in Teaching and Curriculum from Michigan State University; and

WHEREAS, Melody Arabo has been a third grade teacher for thirteen years at Keith Elementary; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education and the Michigan Department of Education honored Melody Arabo as the 2014-2015 Michigan Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Melody Arabo has shared her passion for increasing teacher leadership opportunities to expand teacher reach and impact; and

WHEREAS, Melody Arabo has carried out her mission to promote a shift in thinking and change the approach to bully prevention as the Michigan Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Melody Arabo has recognized the importance of student engagement and challenge; and

WHEREAS, Melody Arabo has authored *Diary of a Real Bully* and the *Chaldean for Kids* Book Series; and

WHEREAS, Melody Arabo has been named the 2015 Oakland County Executive's Elite 40 Under 40 2015 Winner and selected to be a 2015 Michigan Educator Voice Fellow; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education has continually supported teachers with several quality initiatives, including the Michigan Teacher of the Year Program and the Milken National Educator Award; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education expresses its deepest appreciation and gratitude to Melody Arabo and the thousands of educators in the great State of Michigan for their outstanding work; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education supports all efforts, training, and resources available to our state's educators so that they may continue to educate and positively influence the children of today as they become the leaders of tomorrow.

Adopted June 9, 2015

John C. Austin, President

Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman and
State Superintendent